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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 2/09/10 has been considered is sufficient to overcome the previous prior art references.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sjodin (US 2001/0003092).

Claim 8 is contains all the limitations elements of the claims 1, 2, and 5.

With regard to claim 8, Sjodin (see figures 4, 6- 7) teaches: A method of operating a multinode, cooperative, restricted access telecommunication network comprising a plurality of nodes (NN, 10, 20, 30, 40) coupled to one another by way of an internode communication path (see figure 1), each node comprises a private branch exchange (PBX) platform and each having a separate dialing plan (Page 3, paragraph 33), wherein each node has a copy of the dialing plan only for its node as a (PBX) platform (paragraph 33) and no other nodes and being operative to service multiple telecommunication devices coupled thereto through the respective separate dialing plan for a node, each communication device having an extension (portable unit number: PUN) within a respective dialing plan for a node that is used in the course of routing a

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call from a calling communication device to a called communication device as a queried target corresponding to a requested extension, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) storing at each node the dialing plan that contains only communication device extensions that are coupled to said each node (page 4, paragraph 39: see step 220 in figure 5);

(b) in response to the placement of a call from a communication device coupled to a first node (step 300 in figure 6: page 4, paragraph 41), causing said first node (to examine an associated dialing plan only therefor, so as to determine whether said first node is coupled to said called device (step 310: paragraph 41);

(c) in response to said first node determining that said first node is coupled to said called device, routing said call to said called device (step 310A: paragraph 41), but otherwise transmitting a query message (location request) from said first node to all other nodes of said network (step 320: paragraph 41), said query message being operative to inquire whether a respective node receiving said query message is coupled to said called device as a queried target (paragraph 41);

(d) at said all other nodes of said network examining respective call plans only therefor, so as to determine whether said called device is contained therein by examining at each node its local accounts to determine if the queried target is at the requested node (see steps 400 and 410 of figure 7: paragraph 42);

(e) at only a second node which is that one of said all other nodes of said network to which said called device is coupled (step 420: paragraph 42), transmitting a reply message to said first node indicating that said second node is coupled to said

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called device and has the queried target corresponding to the requested extension (see step 430 of figure 7 and step 330 of figure 6: paragraphs 41-42) while all other nodes ignore the query message and do not transmit a reply message indicative the all other nodes do not have the queried target as the requested extension for locating or routing (step 410A of figure 7: paragraph 42); and

(f) in response to receipt of said reply message by said first node, routing said call from said first node to said second node, so that said second node may complete the connection of said call to said called device without requiring a copy of dialing plans for all other nodes (step 340 of figure 6: paragraph 41).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARCUS R. SMITH whose telephone number is (571)270-1096. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 p.m. and every other Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pankaj Kumar can be reached on 571 272-3011. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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